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7 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, ~~XX~~
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SUBJECT: Plan for Systematic Development of the Casual and Commercial Sources of Intelligence Information

REFERENCE: Secret Dispatch No. 451 dated 30 December 1949 from American Embassy [redacted]

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1. It would be appreciated if representatives from ~~XX~~, ~~XX~~ and ~~XX~~ would meet with ~~XX~~, Room 225, Administration Building on Tuesday afternoon, 14 March, to discuss the points raised in the above mentioned reference so that we may have a ~~XX~~ position before discussing this matter further with the State Department.

2. The Assistant Director, ~~XX~~ has already commented to the effect that it thinks this reference has great possibilities for the development of new sources of intelligence information so feels that every effort should be made by ~~XX~~ to cooperate with the State Department and Foreign Service in investigating all aspects of this matter so that the fullest possible advantage can be taken of the opportunities inherent in this situation.

3. ~~XX~~ has already pointed out that it thinks this overt collection is almost wholly a State Department matter unless or until its overt phases overlap covert activities. It naturally does not wish to jeopardize the long range use abroad of ~~XX~~ personnel by having other ~~XX~~ personnel on a short range basis participate abroad in such matters.

4. At the meeting next week, we should like to hear your views on the various suggestions put forth in the reference.

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